

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Application of**

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OCT 16 2003**OFFICIAL****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 13-17 and 19-21 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification and claims 1, 4, 6-7, 10, 13, 15-16, and 19-21 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 10, and 21 are independent.

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